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MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS**Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to calculating the filing fee, please enter the following amendments to the application.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

In claim 3, line 1, delete "one of claims 1 or 2" and substitute therefor --claim 1--.

In claim 4, line 1, delete "one of claims 1 or 2" and substitute therefor --claim 1--.

In claim 5, line 1, delete "one of claims 1 to 4" and substitute therefor --claim 1--.

In claim 7, line 1, delete "one of claims 1 to 6" and substitute therefor --claim 1--.

In claim 8, line 1, delete "one of claims 6 or 7" and substitute therefor --claim 6--.

In claim 10, line 1, delete "one of claims 1 to 9" and substitute therefor --claim 1--.

Please add the following new claims:

--11. Relay according to claim 2, characterized in that the coupling of the coupling element is constructed locking and again releasable.

12. Relay according to claim 2, characterized in that the coupling of the coupling element is constructed rigid.

13. Relay according to claim 2, characterized in that the coupling element consists of an insulating material and has at least one partition wall insulatingly separating the contact springs of the respective coupled relays, on which (partition wall) lateral projections are molded which engage into allocated receiving openings on the respective spring bracket of the respective coupled relays.

14. Relay according to claim 3, characterized in that the coupling element consists of an insulating material and has at least one partition wall insulatingly separating the contact springs of the respective coupled relays, on which (partition wall) lateral projections are molded which engage into allocated receiving openings on the respective spring bracket of the respective coupled relays.

15. Relay according to claim 4, characterized in that the coupling element consists of an insulating material and has at least one partition wall insulatingly separating the contact springs of the respective coupled relays, on which (partition wall) lateral projections are molded which engage into allocated receiving openings on the respective spring bracket of the respective coupled relays.